

A New Year's Greeting.

BY JULIA A. WOOD.

With my best wishes and appreciation of the public and private requests to have something from my pen, I do assure one and all, when silent it is necessary; and by no means a sign of forgetfulness or lack of interest.

Being cognizant of your peculiar disadvantages and tribulations, many a fervent prayer continues to ascend to God in your behalf, and for the serious consideration and awakening of "those who despitely use you." All praise and thanks to the Healer.

lawful prayer, some have been answered, and others are budding into life!

For members of the same church family to be disowning scores of excellent people for only a difference of opinion, and not for immorality, and "count them as heathen" and enemies, is simply a breach and blur upon such Christianity. Paul says, "Count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother"—2nd. Thess. 3rd. Yes, and he says, "Be not weary in well doing." And again he charges Timothy to use "ALL LONG SUFFERING." What an open violation of this holy injunction we are pained to witness in a number of instances! Indeed it is untold sorrow to my heart.

Not admiring or believing in the expulsion, and division work caused thereby, I continue to regard all parties as the same family. Sympathy for the distressed and burdened is ever my natural feeling.

I rejoice to witness your zeal for the Master; your increasing interest and practice of good works. You have accomplished wonders in a short time; your plans and system are becoming exemplary—a real credit to your heads and hearts.

Could I command the means or the prospect of it, Ashland College should not longer remain such a burden of debt upon the few who hold it. A Christian spirit indeed is that which lays aside partyism and creedism to "relieve the oppressed;" and "undo heavy burdens."—Isaiah 1. Every new name coming forward to aid you in your necessity, is a sincere delight to my heart.

In obedience to this divine injunction, I have for long years not only practiced it, but have plead for people to observe it as spoken by Paul. Hear him: "As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."—Gal. 6: 9, 10. "Do good unto all men." This excludes bigotry and phariseism. All God's creations are to be kindly

dealt with, "especially unto them who are of the household of faith." This over-steps parties and creeds.

When a body of people preach and practice the same doctrine, and avoid the observance of this sacred injunction, one can only conclude their hearts are not fully converted, they conceal a "root of bitterness."—Heb. 12: 12-15. are "lovers of themselves more than of God." A deplorable spectacle, and natural conclusion.

Lord deliver them from this appearance of evil; teach them the beauty of the weightier matters of the law—judgment, mercy and faith.—St. Matt. 23: 23-28.

Finally, ye burdened and distressed ones, keep in the valley of humility that the grace of God may water and enrich you with spiritual gifts. "Be patient toward all men; pray without ceasing; abstain from all appearance of evil; and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

Brema Bluff Va.

From Sister Cline.

DEAR EDDTOR:—I feel like writing once more. In the first place I will say I was deprived of reading the EVANGELIST for two weeks, so I could not answer what should be done with the dollar. It was sent for the express Missionary Fund and only for that. I know you could not send a preacher very far with that one dollar, but I sent it in good faith, believing that it would increase, and so it has already thank the Lord. I would say to the dear sisters, cast in your mite, you will never miss it; don't say you can't afford it. Think what the poor widow did; she cast in all her living into the treasury. Now brothers, you need not wait for a special invitation; you belong to the same vineyard, so help us to push the good cause. When I read what a commodious church the Brethren built at New Enterprise, Pa., I thought of the many scattered over the globe that would be glad to worship in a stable, if they could only hear the glad tidings of great joy preached to them. But how can they hear preaching without a preacher? They will be without a preacher until one be sent. Let us not put off for tomorrow what we can do today, for I do think it necessary to feed the hungry, visit the sick and clothe the naked.

A SISTER IN CHRIST.

A letter from Constantinople, in the *Missionary Herald*, states that the Rev. Dr. Elias Riggs, who has been in the service of the American Board fifty-three years, and who has left his post only once during all that period to visit his native land, has gone with Mrs. Riggs to reside at Aintab with their daughter, the wife of Rev. Dr. Trowbridge. Dr. Riggs left this country for the East in 1832; he spent three years in Greece, twenty-three in Smyrna, and has been twenty-seven in Constantinople.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Next Easter Sunday falls on the 25th of April, a fact which has not occurred since 1734, and will not occur again before 1948.

A new Presbyterian church was dedicated in Linkville, Oregon, Nov. 15. This is the first church building in Klamath county, and was secured through the labor of Rev. Robert McLean, who has been until recently the only missionary in the county.

There is less and less hope that the poor people of Cincinnati will ever see anything more of the millions of their hard earnings which they put into Archbishop Purcell's Savings Bank, and which were spent in building costly churches and other church edifices. Millions of dollars were hus sunk beyond recovery.

The Presbyterian church makes a net gain of about five per cent per annum. The population of the country makes a net gain of about two and one-half per cent. Presbyterians are gaining upon the population, therefore in the ratio of about two to one.

The Atlanta (Ga.) *Constitution* says: "Rev. Robert C. Foute went from St. Philip's church, Atlanta, to Grace church, San Francisco; and when he reached his new field of labor he was welcomed in a beautiful church building of pure Gothic architecture, which cost twenty years ago \$112,000. It is considered the handsomest church on the Pacific Coast. But it was burdened with a debt almost up to its full value, although the congregation included very many very rich men. The Chinese even threatened to buy the church for a Joss house. This was carrying things too far, and Mr. Foute proceeded to stir the congregation up, and the result is, the debt is paid, the church will not be handed over to the heathen Chinese, and rector and people are happy.

The Lutheran Almanac for 1886, published at Columbus, O., by the Book Concern of the Joint Synod of Ohio, gives the following statistics: 58 Synods, 4,018 ministers, 6,864 congregations and 899,727 communicants. Der Lutherische Kalender, 1886, printed in Allentown, Pa., reports 57 Synods, 3,834 ministers, 6,763 congregations and 912,742 communicants. Thus the Allentown Almanac gives 1 Synod, 184 ministers and 101 congregations less, and 24,015 communicants more, than the Columbus Almanac. According to the Church Annual, edited by Rev. M. Sheeleigh, D. D., and published by the Lutheran Publication House, the general summary of the Lutheran church in America is as follows: Synods, 58; ministers, 3,864; congregations, 7,045; communicants, 911,267. Forty-seven Lutheran ministers died during the past year.

In your treating with Christ, beware of all secret reserves that will spoil the treaty between Christ and you. Be honest with Christ, and say not of any sin, "The Lord be merciful to me in this;" and be sure there is no secret purpose or reserve in thy heart for a retreat in time of danger; but embark thyself with Christ for storms and tempest, troubles and afflictions, as well as peace and prosperity. Christ bestows himself wholly upon you,

and he expects the same from you. Give up all, or you will receive nothing from him.—JOHN FLAVEL.

Who Keeps the Record.

In the Spring of 1857 I was crossing the Pacific Ocean from San Francisco to Panama, on board the Golden Gate, the finest ship that ran on the Pacific Mail Line. There were twelve hundred of us, all returning to the Atlantic States. There was among the number a young man in soldier's dress as fine a specimen of manhood as one would wish to see. I noticed that this young man kept himself neat and clean, was rather reserved, and did not mingle with the other passengers.

I, however, made his acquaintance, and learned that he belonged to the United States Regulars in Oregon, and was going to one of the Eastern States on a month's furlough, to see his friends. We put in at Acapulco, Mexico, for provisions. Here we found tropical fruits in abundance. This young man had probably been kept on rough food for years. Thinking to have a feast of fruits for the remainder of the trip, laid in a good supply. At nine in the morning he sat on the upper deck eating his fruits with a relish; at eleven o'clock in spite of all the medical skill that could be brought to bear, he was a corpse, and at two o'clock, P. M., he was buried.

He had been carefully laid out, his hands being tied straight down to the sides of his body, and to his feet was tied a chunk of iron of a hundred pound weight. He was then sewed up in a white muslin sack. This constituted the brief preparation for burial.

Promptly at two o'clock, he was carried to the deck and laid upon his back upon plank that two sailors stood balancing lengthwise over the railing of the vessel. The ship's engines were stopped, and as the huge vessel floated over the calm, smooth sea, far out of sight of land, the sun that had been shining brightly was darkened by a floating cloud, while a thousand men, all strangers, with uncovered heads, stood by the chaplain in a brief and feeling prayer, commending his soul to God. The head of the plank was slowly raised, and this young man, whose cheeks a few hours before had bloomed with health, slid off into the ocean with a dull thud. A huge shark, probably lying in wait cuts the water into foam and darts for the corpse. But it is gone! Sunk to mid ocean, where it will stand upright how long no one can tell; perhaps till the judgment day. Held there at the center of gravity, it can sink no farther. I have often wondered if his friends ever knew what became of him, and how many mothers have lost sons in this way. Who keeps the record.

J. W. S.

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In studying character, do not be blind to the shortcoming of a warm friend or the virtues of a bitter enemy.

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Railroad Time Card.

EAST BOUND.				
(Standard time.)	No. 1	No. 3	No. 5	No. 11
Leave Chicago	7:10 P. M.	11:10 A. M.	7:10 P. M.	11:10 A. M.
Defiance	10:15	8:15	10:15	8:15
Deshler	10:57	8:57	10:57	8:57
Postoria	11:39	9:39	11:39	9:39
Arrive Sandusky	12:25	10:25	12:25	10:25
Leave Sandusky	1:28	10:15	1:28	10:15
Manassas	3:15	10:20	3:15	10:20
Lexington	3:15	10:20	3:15	10:20
Newark	3:15	10:20	3:15	10:20
Leave Columbus	2:00	11:40	2:00	11:40
St. Louis	7:10 P. M.	7:10 A. M.	7:10 P. M.	7:10 A. M.
Louisville	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
Cincinnati	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
Arrive Newark	3:15	12:55	12:55	6:40
Zanesville	3:15	1:58	12:52	6:30
Cambridge	4:43	3:00	1:33	7:30
Bellaire	6:23	5:08	3:17	9:38
Leave Pittsburgh	6:30	7:30	6:55	8:55
Washington	7:30	8:30	7:30	8:30
Baltimore	7:30	8:30	7:30	8:30

WEST BOUND.

WEST BOUND.				
(Standard time.)	No. 4	No. 6	No. 2	No. 10
Leave Baltimore	7:00 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	7:00 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
Washington	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
Pittsburgh	1:15	1:15	1:15	1:15
Wheeling	8:15	10:50	9:40	8:00
Leave Bellaire	7:53	10:38	9:35	7:50
Cambridge	9:25	12:24	13:23	10:10
Zanesville	10:12	1:20	12:20	10:10
Arrive Columbus	11:55	3:10	2:40	8:40
Cincinnati	7:30	6:50		
Louisville	12:35	11:40		
St. Louis	6:40	7:30		
Newark	8:30	1:40	7	
Manassas	12:45	5:55	4:03	10:20
Sandusky	8:55	6:30	12:15	11:45
Postoria	2:33	9:51	7:51	
Deshler	3:15	10:33	8:33	
Defiance	3:48	11:50	9:48	
Chicago	8:55	7:20	5:40	7:05

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9:15 pm	10:30 am	Ar. 11:30 am	11:35 pm	
6:40 pm	6:20 am	Ar. 8:30 am	8:35 pm	
		Ar. 6:55		

P. F. W. & C. Ry.				
8:00 pm	9:00 am	Ar. 11:30 am	9:35 pm	
11:20 pm	11:50 am	Ar. 12:50 pm	6:50 pm	
11:30 pm	12:50 am	Ar. 1:50 pm	6:45 pm	
12:50 pm	11:15 pm	Ar. 7:45 pm	5:30 am	
12:15 am	9:15 am	Ar. 10:45 am	5:34 am	

L. E. & W.				
8:40 pm	8:45 am	Ar. 7:20 pm	3:00 am	
9:45	9:45	Ar. 6:25	2:05	
12:20	12:30 pm	Ar. 3:35	11:35	
12:30	12:50	Ar. 3:35	11:25 pm	
1:30 am	1:50 pm	Ar. 2:10	10:20	
8:30	4:25	Ar. 11:50 am	7:55	
8:35	6:02	Ar. 10:14	6:02	
7:57	8:05	Ar. 8:48	3:42	
10:07	10:19	Ar. 5:52	1:48	
11:04	11:12	Ar. 4:52	12:40	
11:45	11:54	Ar. 4:14	12:02	
1:25 pm	1:35 am	Ar. 2:40 am	10:20 am	
1:35	5	Ar. 2:30	10:10	

G. & A. Ry.				
1:45 pm	1:55 am	Ar. 2:30 am		
8:00	7:45	Ar. 7:55 pm		

I. B. & W. Ry.				
2:50 pm	5:10 am	Ar. 9:35 pm	5:25 am	
5:05	7:25 am	Ar. 7:30 pm	6:45 pm	
0:10	12:10 pm	Ar. 2:50 pm	10:30	
9:05 am	7:10 pm	Ar. 5:35 pm		

I. C. Ry.				
1:58 am	9:40 am	Ar. 3:20 pm	8:20 am	
10:30 am	6:10 pm	Ar. 7:50 pm	9:35 pm	
10:50 am	10:50 am	Ar. 1:30 am	6:10 am	

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Acacia	7:55	8:45		
Youngstown	8:25	9:15		
Ar. Ashland	11:47 pm	8:35		
Manassas	12:15	9:11		
EASTWARD.				
Lv. Manassas	6:22 am	1:25 pm		
Ashland	6:51	1:50		
Youngstown	10:55	5:45		
Ar. Newcast	11:20	6:10		
Pittsburg	1:30 pm	8:00		
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